

Wick CE Primary School



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life will flourish.'

Wick Church of England Primary School is a lively Christian School which strives to enable all children to realise their full potential, gain an understanding of their worth as Children of God and live happy and purposeful lives. We aim to provide quality primary education in a caring Christian setting.

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School Uniform Policy

1. Rationale:

It is our policy that all children should wear named school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

2. Purpose:

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

3. Requirements:

Uniform

- Grey skirts, pinafores or trousers
- Blue polo shirt or blouse
- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan with the Wick school logo
- Blue gingham summer dresses
- Grey socks

Sweatshirts and other items of clothing with the school logo are available via our online service at <https://www.harrissports.co.uk/collections/wick-c-of-e-primary-school> all are good quality and value for money.

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Additionally, we have second hand uniform sale each term where uniform can be purchased for a nominal fee.

Shoes

Well fitting, flat black shoes or ankle boots that can be polished (please avoid laces for younger children - Velcro or buckles if possible).

No trainer styled shoes, shoes with a sports logo, shoes with platform soles or high heels, open toe sandals, flip flops, fashion boots or shoes as this can be dangerous.

PE Kit

- Navy blue sweatshirt with the Wick school logo
- Navy blue jogging bottoms with the Wick school logo
- Navy blue shorts with the Wick school logo
- Sky blue t-shirt or sports top with the Wick school logo
- Navy blue skort with the Wick logo
- Navy blue leggings with Wick lettering
- Barefoot or trainers for hall PE
- **Black** trainers for outdoor PE

PE Kit to be purchased on-line through Harris Sports. Children in years R-6 will be required to wear their PE kit to school on the days of their PE sessions. The children will be required to wear their PE uniform on trips and to sporting events.

Limiting the cost of school uniform

Our school has a duty to make sure that the uniform we require is affordable, in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform.

We will make sure our uniform:

- Is available at a reasonable cost
- Provides the best value for money for parents/carers

We will do this by:

- Carefully considering whether any items with distinctive characteristics are necessary
- Limiting any items with distinctive characteristics where possible – by only expecting the school jumper/cardigan and PE Kit to be branded.
- Considering cheaper alternatives to school-branded items, such as logos that can be ironed on, as long as this doesn't compromise quality and durability
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for different year/class/house groups
- Avoiding different uniform requirements for extra-curricular activities
- Considering alternative methods for signaling differences in groups for interschool competitions, such as creating posters or labels
- Making sure that arrangements are in place for parents to acquire second-hand uniform items

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We recognise the parent/carer's right to shop around and welcome the purchasing of items of uniform from other retailers. However, it is expected these items are the same colour/style and are of sufficient quality to serve the purpose intended. We encourage school jumpers/cardigans and PE tops/hoodies to have our logo.

Other protective shoes and clothing

We encourage all children to play outdoors at break and lunch times when possible. To help keep both them and our school clean we request parents provide Wellie boots for the younger children and old trainers (or wellies) for older children which parents are happy to get muddy etc. Some older children might also be asked to bring tracksuit bottoms to put on over school trousers if they wish to play games on the field at break/lunchtimes. All children should have a warm outer coat to wear outside in cold weather.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are **one pair of stud earrings** in pierced ears (no multiple piercing), and a watch. Please note children should not be wearing a watch which allows phone call, texting, photos to be taken or internet browsing. The school will not accept responsibility should an item become lost or stolen. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE and swimming. No jewellery whatsoever is allowed in the school pool. Children wearing earrings which cannot be removed will not be allowed to swim. Therefore, we request ears are only pierced at the start of the 6 week summer holiday.

Haircuts, make-up and temporary tattoos

The school does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. Children's hair should not be dyed. Long hair should be tied up. This is to avoid health and safety risks and ensure that children's vision is not impeded. Parents should also be aware that make-up, nail varnish or temporary tattoos are not permitted and items of make-up should not be brought to school. In the event this occurs, children will be asked to remove any make-up, nail varnish or temporary tattoos.

Other valuables

No mobile phones, hand held games consoles, music devices or similar are to be brought to school by pupils. Any pupil found with such a device will have it confiscated by the Headteacher who will only return it to the child's parent(s). These items not only cause a distraction if brought into school but **devices that take photos and have internet access can constitute a safeguarding issue and breach our e-safety, internet safety, use of images and data protection policies.**

In the event that a parent wishes a child who walks to and/or from school alone to bring a phone, the parent should notify the Headteacher in writing and the phone should be given to the school office for safe keeping each day on arrival at school.

4. The Role of Parents:

We ask all parents who send their children to our school for their support of the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

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Parents should ensure that ALL items of clothing, PE kit, shoes, daps and other items belonging to their child are clearly labelled with the child's name.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example, religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform the school will look sympathetically at such requests and request it is in the school colours. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the headteacher.

We are an inclusive setting and want every child to feel part of **Team Wick**. Where support is required with school uniform, please speak with the office, PLA team or Head of school.

5. Implementation, Monitoring & Evaluation:

Parents will be made aware of the policy through the new parent welcome pack, the prospectus and school website. From time to time a reminder will be issued in the school newsletter.

The headteacher and staff will be responsible for the implementation of the policy through dialogue with parents and pupils. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the headteacher if the situation doesn't improve. In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

When monitoring this policy the governing body will:

- Seek the views of parents, to be sure that they agree with the policy and support it.
- Consider with the headteacher any requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensations.
- Ensure that the school uniform meets all national regulations concerning equal opportunities, and that our school uniform policy is consistent with our policy on equal opportunities.
- Require the headteacher to report to the governors on the way the policy is being implemented.

6. Review:

This policy is a working policy and will be subject to regular review in practice. The school will review every three years the process to ensure that it continues to work effectively.

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Next review: July 2025

Signed.....




Date

Chair of FGB

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Appendix 1 – Quick reference guide to school uniform

Daily Uniform	PE Uniform
 	 
 	 
 	 
 	
	<p data-bbox="836 1690 1502 1879">Please note: All logos will be Wick Primary. Please make use of other retailers such as M&S, Asda and Sainsbury's for parts of the uniform if you wish. We do expect a logoed jumper/cardigan and PE T-shirt</p>

Footwear	Footwear
 <p data-bbox="228 659 683 695">Black shoes which can be polished.</p> <p data-bbox="115 735 797 804">No trainer styles shoes, canvas shoes, shoes with a sports logo or additional colours (see below).</p> 	 <p data-bbox="873 810 1484 919">PE trainers should be majority black and no additional colour (for example, luminous yellow/pink).</p>